

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

MARSHALL, Jim (Democrat)
Representative, 3rd District, Georgia
Elected 2002 to 108th Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Ithaca, NY - 31 March 1948

Home: Macon, GA

Marital status: Married (Camille) - 2 children

Religion: Roman Catholic

Education: Princeton U, AB 1972; Boston U, JD 1977

Profession: Lawyer, Law Professor

Military: Army 1968-70; Ranger sgt, awarded 2 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart in Vietnam

Political: Mayor of Macon 1995-99. Ran unsuccessfully for the 8th District seat in 2000, getting 41.5% of the votes against incumbent Saxby Chambliss (R). In 2002 defeated Calder Clay (R) with 50.5% of the vote, a margin of 1,400 votes, for the newly-drawn 3rd District seat.

Rep Marshall is a fiscal conservative and social moderate. Said he will focus his attention on veterans issues and hopes to gain a spot on the House Armed Services Committee that he says the Democratic leadership has promised. Also expressed interest in a seat on the Financial Services Cmte. Supports privacy rights and personal freedom, including the protection of the Second Amendment right to bear arms. Supports an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit flag desecration. Has a strong constituent interest in Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center located at Robins AFB where many of his district residents are employed. The base is physically located in the nearby 1st District represented by Rep Kingston (R). Said his belief in the importance of maintaining the core logistics capability at Warner-Robins is based on his Vietnam experience with infantry combat and supportive air power. (CQ, 7Nov02) During the 2002 campaign voiced support for President Bush's policy in Iraq, supported abortion rights, and opposed social security privatization.

Additional Background: His father and grandfather were both Army generals. During the Vietnam conflict he left college to enlist in the Army where he served as an Army Ranger reconnaissance platoon sergeant.

AF Bases: Robins AFB (Warner-Robins ALC) (strong constituent interest; vast majority of base lies in Rep Kingston's 1st District)

COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES – Subcs on: Readiness; Projection Forces

AGRICULTURE

SMALL BUSINESS